

### **Amendments**

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

✓ Please (a) rewrite Claims 2 and 24~27; (b) cancel Claims 18~23 and 40~53 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof; and (c) add new Claims 54~82.

The requested amendments to Claims 2 and 24~27 are shown below in the attached Appendix A (pages 18~27) in a marked-up version of those claims, as required by 37 CFR §1.121(c). Deletions are shown by strike-through, and additions are shown by underlining. New Claims 54~82 are also shown in Appendix A. Appendix A also contains a complete listing of all other claims showing the status thereof.

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In the Drawings:

A corrected version of Sheet 10 of the drawings is submitted in which the bottom figure on that sheet is correctly labeled as Figure 8(f) rather than as a second Figure 8(e).